The Logger's Bark
RADIO CLUB of TACOMA

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FROM THE EDITOR!

Hello Again Members!

See that pix on the right? Most of us would like that kind of WX around here right now! That was taken up on Hurricane Ridge in the Olympic National Park. Windy and cold up there that day!

Never fear! We'll be complaining about cold, wet weather soon enough…

In the meantime, we're stuck in the Dog days of August, suffering through 80 and 90 degree temperatures while the rest of the country is washing away in rain… Funny how that works, huh?

So, important stuff in September is our yearly fundraiser, the "Salmon Run" where we try to work as many of the 39 Washington State counties as we can. Before the event we solicit pledges from you, our loyal members. Pledges can be any amount that you want and all funds go towards maintaining the club. A post about this is on page ten of this month's newsletter. There is an address that you can click on or enter into your computer browser and that will take you to the sign up page.

We used to send out hard copy pledge forms, but this year the club management decided to try something new and modern. We'll see how that works out, but in the interim, please go to the website and register a pledge if you want or you can come over to the clubhouse during the event and work some stations yourself!

Event will be: Saturday, September 17, 2022 09:00 – Midnight
Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

CU there! 73, Gary WG7X

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Radio Club of Tacoma
Board of Directors Meeting
August 3, 2022

Meeting called to order at 19:00 by President Mike W7XTZ

Officers and Directors Present

President	Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Vice President	Adam Barbera W2NCC
Secretary	Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer	Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board	Bruce Hanson WE7P
Board	Paul Matney W7PFU
Board	Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board	Red Cranefield WB7EC

Quorum? A quorum of directors was present and 18 members attended in person or via Zoom.
Silent Key or Illness? Nothing reported

Approval of Minutes of July 6, 2022 RCT BOD meeting were approved as posted.

Secretary's Report (W7MKE) Mike W7MKE reported all correspondence was routine, just bills, magazines, etc.

Treasurer's Report (AF7YD) Steve AF7YD submitted a written report that is attached to these minutes. Major expenses recently were for Field Day which total about $1400-$1500 expenses over donations.

Committee / Reports

Facilities Mgmt (W2NCC)

Adam W2NCC has replaced the battery in the riding mower. The push mower needs the handle repaired.

Adam showed the BOD bids he's received for the wheelchair ramp. The BOD discussed the bids received and Adam moved to authorize $1500 for repair of the wheelchair ramp. Motion was seconded by Paul W7PFU. After some Q&A about materials, timeline, etc. the motion passed without objections.

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)

George K7GRS reported considerable data being moved or consolidated into various tables and data bases. They are also working on the fall administrative tasks.

Mike W7XH submitted a written report: Membership stands at 286 and 8 new members joined in July.

New Members that joined in July 2022

RCT#	Firstname	Lastname	Callsign	Classification	Date Joined
3022	Brett	Taylor	KK7HBJ	Technician	7/8/2022
3023	Fletcher	Drew	WA7FPD	Technician	7/8/2022
3024	Tina	Drew	KG7AWZ	Technician	7/8/2022
3025	John	Kalina	WA7VDI	Advanced	7/9/2022
3026	Amy	Dorowolsky	KB9IQX	General	7/30/2022
3027	Madelyn	Mills	KJ7NUW	General	7/30/2022
3028	Manny	Adonis	KK7HNQ	General	7/22/2022
3029	Nicolas	Adonis	KK7HMZ	General	7/22/2022

Property Management. (WB7EC)

Red WB7EC reported that PMT took in $298 in July. Red stated that PMT needs help. August 20th he would be at the Scout Jamboree so PMT may be locked up that weekend if there are no other helpers.

VE (**AC7WW)**

John AC7WW submitted a written report of July VE session: Your VE Team traveled south to JBLM for an Exam session on Friday July 29th. Twenty-seven Exam elements were graded from eight candidates. Seven passed element 2 and one candidate passed element 2 & 3.
Thanks to Stephen Morton AD7AB and Mike Isakson W7XH

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, August 9th 2022.

Info Tech and Website (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reported the computer systems are working and backups are complete. Randy has cleared some space in the IT cabinet where he's going to stash the club laptops. Again Randy asked members to report website corrections/additions, etc. Randy was asked if he could create a zip file for the back issues of the *BARK*. Randy said he'd check to see how much space that would take and he had some thoughts on how many issues to combine and how they might be searched. George K7GRS indicated the archive committee had done some work on this issue.

Wedensday Workshop (WB4SPB)

Randy WB4SPB reported he didn't have a topic yet. PJ N7PH suggested we have a session on toroids/ baluns.

Tower (K7MO)

Nick K7MO reported on the VHF tower. He recently inspected it and compiled a list of needed parts. Al N7OMS wants a vertical antenna on top of the tower. Unfortunately the mast is upside down and needs to be turned end for end. Also Nick suggests we replace the UHF antenna.

Repeater Ops (N7OMS)
Nick K7MO and Al N7OMS need to move the Bates repeater into a different building on the site. The repeater needs to move because Bates/KBTC-TV wants all outside vendors to be located in the old AT&T cellular building. The new building is in better shape than the current one we are in. Nick will come back to the BOD with some costs if we need parts. He reported that the repeater in the Lou Room needs some work but will be a good one to put into the Bates location once repaired.

General Meeting
The only suggestion was to contact Larry Richardson to report on WashJam 2022.

Unfinished Business
Mike W7MKE moved to print the proposed bylaws and the Salmon Run information and mail it prior to Salmon Run. Motion was seconded by Paul W7PFU. After October general meeting the Election Ballot and Ballot on proposed bylaws would go out as usual in October**.** Motion Passed**.** The BOD and members discussed and decided that the ballot for the proposed bylaws would go out with the November elections ballot. A letter explaining this process of: first sending out the proposed bylaws in September with the Salmon Run information to give members plenty of time to review the proposed bylaws, and then they would receive a ballot for the proposed bylaws along with the Election ballot in late October.
Doug AB7DG moved that the proposed bylaws if approved take effect on January 1, 2023.
Motion was seconded by Mike W7MKE. Motion passed**.**
Mike W7XTZ asked Randy WB4SPB to work on a nominating committee, with other nominees to be named later. Randy accepted the commission.

New Business
Salmon Run:
Adam W2NCC reported he was working on operators.
George K7GRS shared a Gannt Chart of Membership/Salmon Run/Election mailings and needed helpers. Adam W2NCC agreed to help with Salmon Run duties. Deanna KA7DCX agreed to be the Promotional helper. Mike W7MKE offered to help with the Salmon Run envelope printing. Doug AB7DG offered to help with mailing.

Activity Reports, Discussion Topics, Announcements
The August 7th Picnic is at Ft. Steilacoom Park.
BJ W7WJR is back from Guam and reported that he would schedule POTA events last week of August and again in November.

Adjournment at: 20:22

Submitted by

Mike Drorbaugh – W7MKE

Radio Club of Tacoma
General Meeting
August 10, 2022

Officers and Directors Present
President Mike Mikuchonis W7XTZ
Secretary Mike Drorbaugh W7MKE
Treasurer Steve Dightman AF7YD
Board Doug Schafer AB7DG
Board Phil Pia K7PIA
Board Paul Matney K7PFU
Board Red Cranefield WB7EC
Board Bruce Hansen WE7P

Meeting Called to Order at: 7pm by President Mike W7XTZ

Flag Salute: led by Phil K7PIA

Quorum? A quorum was not present, and 24 members attend all or part of the meeting. The attendance list is attached.

Welcome and Acknowledgement of New Members and Visitors
Tina Drew KG7AWZ and Fletcher Drew WA7FPD are new members who attended the meeting in person.

Health and Welfare/Silent Key & Illness
Anna Winter's K7ANA mom passed away recently.

PROGRAM: WashJam 2022
Larry Richardson – K7LBD: Washjam 2022
· This Scout Jamboree happens every 4 years and was previously at Ft. Lewis
· Jamboree will be at Ft Steilacoom August 18 - 21
· Usually 2500 participants
· We will set up amateur radio station and demonstrate HF/VHF/UHF
· We have station with 10 radios of various modes/bands
· 4 Chameleon antennas, 4 vhf/uhf antennas
· Enter at main gate and tell them you're helping with Ham Radio
· Can preregister as a non-paying helper at website listed below
· http://washjam.org/contact-form.asp?CategoryViewed=Staff~Volunteer

Secretary's Report
All correspondence this last month was routine just bills and magazines, that sort of thing.

Treasurer's Report
Steve AF7YD indicated all bills are current and there was a complete report given at the August BOD meeting.

Committee / Activity Reports

Membership (W7XH/K7GRS)
Mike W7XTZ reported 287 members and the committee is preparing documents for membership renewal and the proposed bylaws for mailing.

VE Report (AC7WW)
John AC7WW submitted a written report: Tuesday, August 9TH 2022, your VE Team graded 14 exams from eight candidates. Two candidates passed element two and one candidate passed element one and two to join the Amateur Service. One candidate upgraded to General, and one candidate passed element two and three to upgrade to Extra.
One candidate upgraded to Extra. One candidate failed to obtain an initial license.
Thanks to the following for their service and time.
Leonard KA7NWF Jan K7HTU, Rich KK7VH Mike W7XH and Stephen AD7AB.

The next scheduled test session is Tuesday, September 13TH 2022, time to be determined.

HF Operations (K7PIA)
Phil K7PIA reported all HF stations are working. Check www.contestcalendar.com for radio sport. Salmon Run comes up in September. Come up to HF room on Saturday and operate the radios. If you have a contest you want to do, let Phil know and he can set up the log and radios for you.
You can check www.NG3K.com for DXpedition information.

Nick K7MO and others are checking the VHF/UHF tower and preparing to put up a tri band vertical 6M/2M/440 antenna for EmCom and replacing coax and doing other needed repairs.
It was mentioned that the 147.210 Bates Repeater will be moved to the old AT&T building at that site; also, the new controller for the 147.280 repeater is yet to be installed.

IT Report (WB4SPB)
Randy WB4SPB reported the club computers are all working. LOTW log is up to date and all backups preformed. The clubhouse has some laptops now that were used at Field Day, and they are stored at the clubhouse in the IT file cabinet. Randy always appreciates website updates. Log on and check out the swap n' shop page. Currently there is an estate sale listed.

Museum (KD7SV)
Dan KD7SV reported that the museum radios are operating normally. He mentioned that on October 23rd the classic CW exchange is scheduled and the third week in September is Salmon Run.

Property Management (WB7EC)
Red WB7EC reported that July sales were $298. The PMT team has dwindled and has only 6 helpers now. Please volunteer to help the PMT. Some jobs are not about checking out the equipment such as online research for pricing, operating manuals, etc. So please offer to help. Recently Randy WB4SPB reported receiving an offer from the website of ARRL manuals but the donor is in Federal Way and it might be more helpful to meet with the lady and pick up the manuals. Dan KD7SV offered to contact the lady and make a pickup.

Facilities Management (W2NCC)
At the last BOD meeting Adam W2NCC presented a bid to repair the wheelchair ramp and the BOD authorized $1500 for those repairs. Recently Adam purchased a battery tender for the riding mower and plans to bring temporary power to the shed.

Bark Editor (WG7X)
Gary WG7X mentioned that the last couple of issues we had several good items for content and with the picnic we should have more for the next issue. Send in your submissions please.

Unfinished Business
Proposed bylaws Q&A
Q: The proposed bylaws created the position of Assistant Treasurer, who is that?
A: If the proposed bylaws are adopted, then the President will appoint one. The assistant will provide the organization with a second set of eyes for the Treasury and will be available to assist in the event that the Treasurer becomes unavailable.
Q: The bylaws call for a budget to be presented. Is there a budget for 2022 and when is a budget prepared?
A: Again the question is about the proposed bylaws. In the existing bylaws there is also a provision for a budget but it has not been prepared for several years, primarily due to the state of the records. Now records are in much better shape so with the proposed bylaws we've tried to encourage committees to submit their budgets, so the Treasurer can present a comprehensive budget and a long range budget plan. Currently there is no 2022 budget.
Q: Will all members will be notified about Special Board Meetings.
A: It is not always possible but members will be notified if practicable.
Q: Is there an Emergency Station Committee? If so, who?
A: No there is not a chairperson and RCT is only trying to make available the equipment for an emergency station. Individual ARES / CERT or other EmCom trained persons will have to supply their training manuals and other paperwork.
Q: Can club radios be used by nonmembers?
A: Yes, if in the company of an RCT member as control operator. This is made clear in the current standing rules.
Q: If a member can be suspended for "due cause." Do we know what due cause is?
A: It is a common designation in legal use and will be decided on a case-by-case basis as it is not possible to predetermine all possible scenarios in which a member might need to be censored.

New Business
President Mike W7XTZ appointed the nominating committee for 2022 elections: Randy WB4SPB, Gary WG7X and Al N7OMS. Up for election are the offices of President, Treasurer and the Board positions currently held by Paul K7PFU and Phil K7PIA.

Announcements/show and tell/ traffic & Tuning
Phil K7PIA attended the PNW DX convention in Spokane. Phil reported several notable attendees and very good meetings.

President Mike W7XTZ mailed a thank you letter to the CEO of Western State thanking him for the use of the grounds for Field Day. (See attached letter)

Radio Club of Tacoma
P.O. Box 11188
Tacoma, WA 98411

David Holt
Western State Hospital
9601 Steilacoom Blvd. S.W.
Lakewood, WA 98498

July 10, 2022

Dear Mr. Holt,

We at the Radio Club of Tacoma appreciates your letting us use the south end of the hospital grounds during our recent Field Day event. Every June, more than 40,000 hams throughout North America set up temporary transmitting stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill and service to our communities and our nation. It combines public service, emergency preparedness, community outreach, and technical skills all in a single event. Field Day has been an annual event since 1933, and remains the most popular event in ham radio.

By allowing us to use your grounds we were able to practice setting up multiple stations & antennas and make many contacts locally, across the country as well as foreign stations. We also had a good time and tried to make our impact on your facility minimal.

Once again, thank you very much for allowing our use of the hospital grounds.

Respectfully,

Mike Mikuchonis, w7xtz
President, Radio Club of Tacoma

What was old is now new again!

Once upon a time, the Radio club of Tacoma had a list of people who would act as mentors to new hams or just hams who wanted to ask questions about almost anything.

In ham radio lingo, these types of folks were called “Elmers” from old articles printed, probably in QST, about fellows that would help new hams with questions pertaining to ham radio. The actual origin of the term is kind of lost in the mists of time, but RCT has had this list of mentors for many years. It went away for “reasons” and is now making a return to the club and the Loggers Bark.

This list is preliminary and will be edited or added to as time goes on.

In the list below, you will se members listed with numbers after their names. The numbers correspond to the subject list on the left. So just look at the numbered subject list on the left and see who has those subject(s) as one of their topics. Phone numbers are listed for your use.

Please ignore the background, your editor is still messing around with this stuff!

Elmer Board

Do you need help with some area in ham radio? Here is a place..... First is the listing of areas of support, followed by a list of members' areas of interest.	Name/Call Sign /Phone Number/ Help with topic
1.Technical questions, Classes	Adam W2NCC 360-870-7894 (4,5,6,7,11)
2. Help with Code	Al N7OMS 253-495-9068 (10,12)
3. License Examinations	Dave N7HT 253-363-1692 (1,2,4,6,8)
4. Antenna and Station planning	Dave W7UUU 360-443-6981 (2,4,6,9)
5. Antenna and Tower erection	Gary WG7X 253-327-0503 (1,4,5,6,8,9,10,11,12
6. Buying new or used equipment	Mike W7XTZ 253-405-8095 (6,8,10)
7. Equipment repair	Phil K7PIA 253-307-4781 (9,10,12)
8. Understanding and operating your equipment	Randy WB4SPB 253-761-9391 (2)
9. DX and Contests	Stephen AD7AB 253-212-9437 (1,3,4,12)
10. Club and ARRL activities	Steve AF7YD 253-988-0878
11. Using test equipment	
12. IRLP , Digital, SDR, ARPS, Winlink,Vara, Satellite	

W7DK
Salmon Run 2022

Join Us !!

Contact: Adam W2NCC

adambarbera@yahoo.com

This is our annual fund raising event!

Pick up a Pledge Form at the clubhouse or use the link below to download

https://w7dk.org/images/rct_pdf/2022_Salmon_Run_Pledge.pdf

Some counties are difficult to contact. If you are considering activating a remote county see **http://salmonrun.wwdxc.org/activate-a-county-2022/** scroll down to see counties that typically have a low number of activation's.

Please let Adam W2NCC know if you're working the contest remote!

Contest Time

1600Z to 0700Z Saturday, September 17, 2022 9:00 am – Midnight
1600Z to 2400Z Sunday, September 18, 2022 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Contest rules can be found at:

http://salmonrun.wwdxc.org/salmon-run-2022-rules-changes/

Additional Information Sources

RADIO CLUB OF TACOMA 2-METER REPEATER NET
Tuesdays at 7:30 PM - 147.280 MHz

The Logger's Bark W7DK.org Deanna KA7DCX

W7DK Annual Kirkreit Picnic at Ft. Steilacoom park!

While this annual social event fell prey to COVID-19 during last two summers, this year the club reserved **shelter #1 at Fort Steilacoom Park**, in Lakewood, for **Sunday, August 7**. This is the location we used in years immediately preceding the pandemic.

As in previous years, the event was pot luck, with the club supplying grilled picnic entrees and soft drinks.

In warm weather, 25-or-so attendees socialized, ate good food and played with radios. We also enjoyed a game of ham radio trivia hosted by Dave W7UUU, who assured us the questions and answers were "ARRL approved". The team with the highest score was awarded a "fabulously trivial prize of almost zero

value.

At least three different radio setups were attempted, and antennas decorated the area around the shelter.

Origin of the Kirkreit Picnic

Jim (SK) and Judy Kirkreit were very active members of RCT. Jim was President of the club in 1994 and 1995, and he received the Doc Spike award in 1995. Judy remains a lifetime member of the club.

RCT had long held a summer picnic, known as "DK at the Beach", at the Owen Beach waterfront area of Pt. Defiance Park. In addition to socializing and consumption of tasty picnic fare, this activity typically included field operation of equipment along with antenna demonstrations and shootouts. In 2006, the Tacoma Park Service rendered the Owen Beach location less desirable by raising fees and making cooking facilities (grills and fireplaces) unusable. That year, the summer picnic was moved to Spanaway Lake, and beginning in 2007 the event became known as the **Kirkreit Memorial Picnic**.

Picnic Pix!

Left, Mike W7MKE, Randy WB4SPB and

Adam W2NCC fooling around with radios!

Bottom: Chef Paul W7PFU at the grill as Red, WB7EC assists and Anne N7ANN gets a burger!

… And here we have two examples of our members chowing down on the fine picnic grub prepared by Chef Paul and others who contributed to the potluck lunch. Apologies to the folks who I did not get names for… But I'll do the best I can. Top: Leonard KA7NWF, Adam W2NCC, Mike W7XTZ and yours truly Gary WG7X.

Below Right, Steve AD7VL and Mrs. Blacksten. To the left? I'm sorry but We've tried to remember but coming up blank… We're good with faces, not so good with names. If you're reading this, please let me know who you are and we will print an update in the next "Bark"!

Two pix of the picnic. Way too many folks here to identify personally, if you're here, great! If you're not, then you missed a fine, fun time!

Top: Another view of the shelter crowd from a different direction.

Below: Trouble makers! Left (back to camera) Dave W7UUU, then Adam W2NCC and Al, N7OMS. No doubt discussing... Very. Important. Stuff!

The Mighty DK's!

Monthly QSO Report

Each month in the *Bark* the Radio Club of Tacoma recognizes the members and guests who have made non-contest QSOs using the HF stations at our clubhouse. Saturday Open House, especially, is a time when members have access to this equipment. Why not sit down at one of our operating desks and make a contact or two? Assistance is almost always available for those unfamiliar with the equipment, and if your license class doesn't permit HF operation, ask the denizens of the HF Room or the Saturday clubhouse host to help you find a suitably-licensed control operator to sit with you.

It's a feather in the club's hat for the call sign of **The Mighty DK** to be heard on the airwaves. So get on the air and get your name in the *Bark*! (Don't forget to enter your call sign as the operator into our logging program.)

QSOs July 29 through Aug 27, 2022:

- Mike W7MKE: 41
- Paul K7OSS: 26
- BJ WA7WJR: 15
- Phil K7PIA: 9
- Alan N7OMS: 5
- Randy WB4SPB: 3
- John W7CBC: 2
- Wade W7ITL: 2
- Nick K7MO: 1

The Club LINEUP

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www.w7dk.org [LINK] - For the latest and most current information on events and activities, visit the Radio Club of Tacoma Website.

Radio Club Repeaters

Central Tacoma: 147.280 + PL=103.5

Crawford Mountain 147.380 + PL=103.5 (E of Olympia © 1500 ft ASL)

Central Tacoma: 440.625 + PL=103.5

North Tacoma: 145.21 – PL=141.3